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Application Number 10/599134
Response to the Office Action dated 02/06/2008

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REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the following remarks.

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Mitsui et al. (US Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0129546). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Mitsui discloses use of inorganic powders in order to form the dielectric paste (see para. 0069). However, the reference merely discloses compositions using silicone oxide (SiO_2), bismuth oxide (Bi_2O_3), boron oxide (B_2O_3), and zinc oxide (ZnO) in a wide range of a concentration of each component (see Table in para. 0058) but does not disclose or suggest the specific composition including other components that claim 1 require (see paras. 0105-0108 and Table 3). For example, the table in para. 0058 does not include aluminum oxide and RO, both of which claim 1 also requires. In addition, among the actual embodiments, powder A does not include Bi_2O_3 and RO, and the concentration of ZnO is lower than the required range of claim 1; powder B does not include RO, and concentrations of Bi_2O_3 and ZnO do not satisfy the required concentrations of claim 1; powder C does not include RO and ZnO , and the concentrations of SiO_2 , B_2O_3 , and Bi_2O_3 do not satisfy the requirements of claim 1; and powder D does not include Bi_2O_3 (see paras. 0105-108). In addition, each of examples 1-16 and comparative examples 1-3 use only either powder A or B (see Table 3). The reference does not teach that the components of these various embodiments are readily interchangeable. Thus, the reference does not disclose or lead one of ordinary skill toward the composition required by claim 1. Therefore, claim 1 is distinguished from Mitsui, and accordingly, this rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 2-4 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable as obvious over Mitsui et al. (US Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0129546) in view

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of Kosaka et al. (US Patent No. 6,207,268). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

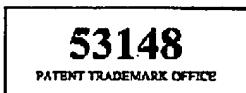
As discussed above, claim 1 and accordingly claims 2-4 are distinguished from Mitsui because Mitsui discloses neither the specific composition of the low-melting-point glass powder that claim 1 requires nor testing results that shows actual use of the specific composition including Bi_2O_3 and RO and sufficient amount of ZnO . The examples in Mitsui use powder A or B both of which do not include including Bi_2O_3 and RO and sufficient amount of ZnO (see Table 3 and paras. 105-106).

Kosaka merely suggests use of SiO_2 , Bi_2O_3 , ZnO , B_2O_3 , and PbO but discloses neither a specific composition including these components nor the particular concentrations of these components in the composition as claim 1 requires (see "Glass frit" in tables of examples and comparative example 1). In addition, the reference merely lists CaO and BaO ("RO") together with other inorganic powders (see coln. 10, lines 15-24) and does not disclose concentrations of RO in the composition or actual use of RO in examples. Therefore, Kosaka does not remedy the deficiencies of Mitsui.

Accordingly, this rejection should be withdrawn. Applicants do not concede the correctness of the rejection.

In view of the above, Applicants request reconsideration of the application in the form of a Notice of Allowance.

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International application No. PCT/JP2005/018359	International filing date (day/month/year) 04 October 2005 (04.10.2005)	Priority date (day/month/year) 07 October 2004 (07.10.2004)	
International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237			
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Box No. I Basis of this opinion	
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1. Statement		
Novelty (N)	Claims	2-4
	Claims	1
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	
	Claims	1-4
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-4
	Claims	
2. Citations and explanations:		
<p>Document 1: JP 11-60274 A (Nippon Electric Glass Co., Ltd.), 02 March 1999, Claims 1, 5; Paragraphs 0002, 0014</p> <p>Document 2: JP 2002-33053 A (NEC Corp.), 31 January 2002, Claims 1, 4; Paragraphs 0006, 0010</p> <p>Document 3: JP 2001-48577 A (Nippon Electric Glass Co., Ltd.), 20 February 2001, Claim 1; Paragraphs 0001, 0013, 0035, 0036</p>		
<p>Claim 1 The invention of claim 1 does not appear to be novel or involve an inventive step according to document 1 cited in the ISR.</p> <p>Document 1 describes a glass composition whose scope overlaps the glass composition described in claim 1 of the present application as a dielectric layer forming material for a plasma display panel (claims 1 and 5, paragraphs 0002 and 0014).</p>		
<p>Claim 2 The invention of claim 2 does not appear to involve an inventive step according to document 1 and document 2 cited in the ISR.</p> <p>Document 2 describes the matter of providing an MgO protecting layer for protecting the dielectric layer of a plasma display panel (claims 1 and 4, paragraphs 0006 and 0010), and the matter of providing an MgO protecting layer to cover the dielectric layer described in document 1 would be easy for a person skilled in the art.</p>		
<p>Claim 3 The invention of claim 3 does not appear to involve an inventive step according to documents 1 and 2 as well as document 3 cited in the ISR.</p> <p>The coefficient of linear thermal expansion of a glass forming a dielectric layer is not specified in document 1.</p> <p>However, document 3 describes a glass composition which is the same type as the glass composition described in document 1 as a dielectric layer forming material for a plasma display panel (claim 1, paragraphs 0013 and 0001), and states that the coefficient of linear thermal expansion of this glass composition is approximately 75×10^{-7} to 80×10^{-7} °C (tables 1 and 2).</p>		

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Also, since the glass compositions are the same, this examination finds that the thermal characteristics which are the glass characteristics must be the same, and predicts the coefficient of linear thermal expansion of the glass described in document 1 to be approximately 75×10^{-7} to 80×10^{-7} °C.

Claim 4

The invention of claim 4 does not appear to involve an inventive step according to documents 1-3.

Document 3 describes the matter of forming a dielectric layer by firing a paste containing glass powder, a solvent, a resin, and the like after applying it so as to cover electrodes (paragraphs 0035 and 0036), and adopting the method described in document 3 as the method of forming the dielectric layer described in document 1 would be easy for a person skilled in the art.